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1. On 30 October, the Strassburg Kaserne in Grimma was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including about 40 percent with tank insignia and 10 percent with artillery insignia and 40 women wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A stoker told that about 26 T-34 tanks were parked in the southeastern section of the installation. The quarters were 80 percent lighted. At 8 a.m. on 30 October, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets unloaded potatoes and vegetables from three trucks and stored them in two barns opposite the barracks installation. Eleven soldiers practiced aiming with rifles, and 12 other soldiers practiced with a 82-mm mortar in the terrain. A truck and 6 tank trucks were parked in the yard. About 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets did maintenance work on 5 trucks and 2 jeeps and about 60 other soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia engaged in basic infantry training. Twenty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including a senior lieutenant greased cables on reels and constructed obstacles.

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2. On 4 November, the Eisner Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including about 50 to 60 percent with artillery insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets, and by about 20 to 30 uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The quarters were 60 to 70 percent lighted at dusk.  15 x 76.2-mm guns, 16 x 120-mm mortars and 18 x 82-mm mortars in the installation. At 8 a.m. on 4 November, 23 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises, and 60 other soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and armed with rifles fell in, in the barracks yard. A total of 48 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with rifles practiced aiming in the training area. At 12:30 p.m., 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and armed with rifles marched into the installation. At 3 p.m., 20 soldiers practiced with 2 x 82-mm mortars.

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3. On 6 and 7 November, the Strassburg Kaserne was occupied by 1,200 troops of various branches of service and the Eisner Kaserne by 350 engineer troops and 350 signal troops. At noon on 6 November, about 60 officers walked from the installations to the officers' club where a total of 22 trucks were parked. In the evening, 48 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets, 48 soldiers wearing red-bordered

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black epaulets and 12 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia were seen marching to the club. Guards of honor stood in front of the Soviet memorial. Celebrations were held in the two barracks installations at 11 a.m. About 800 troops with a flag passed in review in the Strassburg Kaserne. About 200 troops organized into six blocks were reviewed by a field grade officer in the Elsner Kaserne. The following units marched to the memorial at noon: About 60 officers, 60 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and 36 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. The town commandant, a colonel, addressed the troops. Truck [redacted] was seen in traffic to the Strassburg Kaserne [redacted] and ambulance [redacted] in traffic to the Elsner Kaserne.

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[redacted] Comment. Report again confirms the occupation of the barracks installations.

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